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## SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

A bulletin entitled the "Census of Manufactures, United States, 1905," has just been issued which is full of very interesting information. Below are a few general statements culled from the body of the report, showing something of the variety of industries in the United States:

Manufactures are broadly divisible into four general groups according to the primary source of the raw materials on which their products are based, namely the farm, the mine, the forest, and the sea. Measured by the gross value of products and the number of wage-earners, these groups ranked in the order named.

In 1905, measured by the value of products, slaughtering and meat packing was the most important industry in the United States, although this industry gave employment to only 74,134 wage-earners, as compared with 404,828 for lumber and timber products. The greatest absolute increase in the value of products since 1900 is shown for the manufacture of flour and grist mill products, and in the number of wage-earners for cars and general shop construction and repairs by steam railroad companies.

In 1905 the average establishment, as computed from the total for all industries in the entire country, employed 25 wage-earners and had an annual product valued at \$68,445.

There were 24,180 establishments for which the value of products was \$100,000 and over. The extent to which manufacturers were controlled by these large establishments is shown by the fact that, although they formed only 11.2 per cent. of the total number, they controlled 51.5 per cent. of the capital invested, gave employment to 71.0 per cent. of the number of wage-earners, and manufactured 79.3 per cent. of the total value of products.

New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts in the order named, are the four leading manufacturing States. They contained 86,333, of 39.9 per cent. of the establishments for the entire country; gave employment to 2,438,064, or 45.3 per cent. of the average number of wage-earners; and reported \$9,978,231,991, or 47.1 per cent. of the value of products.

For the United States as a whole the three months constituting the "busy season"—were September, October and November. The average number employed per month during this period was 5,625,542, exceeding the average number for the entire year by 155,221.

Of the principal industries the greatest variation in employment at different seasons of the year is shown for the canning of vegetables and fruits, in which the average number of wage-earners for September was 61,916, and for February, 6,112. The least variation is shown for the tanning and currying of leather, the highest average, 67,718, being for March and the lowest, 56,321, for January.

Men were employed in all of the 339 industries. The average number increased from 3,535,236 in 1900 to 4,244,538 at the census of 1905, or 16.2 per cent. In 1905 the largest average number of men and the greatest number employed at any one time during the year was shown for lumber and timber products. The largest monthly average number was employed during the month of October. New York

ranked first in the employment of men in manufactures.

Women wage-earners were reported for 315 of the 339 industries. The average number increased from 918,531 in 1900 to 1,065,884 at the census of 1905, or 16 per cent. The greatest increase is shown for the manufacture of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes. The State of New York ranks first also in the employment of women, the greatest number being engaged in the manufacture of women's clothing. Of the 10 industries reporting the greatest number of women, the proportion to the total number of wage-earners in the industry is largest in the manufacture of shirts.

## SENATOR TILLMAN.

The New York Times makes the following comment on a topic of considerable interest just now:

"It must, we should think, be plain now to those Afro-Americans in Chicago who endeavored to prevent Senator Tillman from speaking in that city, ostensibly on 'The Annexation of Cuba,' but really, as was apprehended and as proved to be the case, on the race question in the South, that it is well their protest was not heeded. It is quite true that the question which at present seems to obsess Senator Tillman's mind, which is a very good mind when he gives it a fair chance, is the race question in the South. It is true that his ostensible theme at Chicago gave him a fair pretext for promulgating his views on that question. It is true that his views on the solution of the negro question in the South do not promise any illumination whatsoever. They seem to combine the minimum of light with the maximum of heat. For a month or so the Senator has been exhibiting them with increasing acrimony and decreasing relevancy.

"While all these things are so, yet the colored people of Chicago would have missed an opportunity if they had succeeded in their purpose of preventing Senator Tillman from speaking. Not to speak of the absurdity of closing a man's mouth in a hall in Chicago who can open it and deliver his opinions at pleasure in the Senate of the United States, not to adduce the saying, accepted as a principle among modern English-speaking peoples, that Truth is invincible so long as Error is left free to combat it, what a triumph would those colored Chicagoans have missed who sat and smiled superior at the outpourings of a white Senator. What he said about their race harmed him and not them. And the more he lost his reason in his passion, the more he raged and foamed, the greater right they had to smile superior. We may fairly conjecture that it was not the catcalls in the gallery so much as the calm superior smile upon the floor that maddened the Senator—that and the consciousness that the smile was justified."

## ABOUT OUR UNCLE PRESSLEY.

The question is, has our venerable friend, Sage Morris, of the Parkersburg State Journal, taken a drop in his mooted ambition, or has there been an inflation? The answer depends altogether whether the office of tax commissioner of this State is a greater distinction than that of Congressman. The West Virginian at Fairmont may give us the answer. — Clarksburg Telegram.

We are unable to say whether Editor Morris has any other ambition than that of keeping the State Journal one of the brightest Republican papers in the State or not, but if he has the West Virginian is for him, whether it be for Congress, the State Tax Commission, the governorship or any other place in the gift of the people or the appointing power. There is nothing too good or too high up for the distinguished dean of West Virginia newspaper men. He is all right and will stand without hitching. But to come right down to bed rock, we do not believe Editor Morris is seeking any of the places his friends are talking of for him, but if he is and will let it be known, he will be very likely to connect up with the object of his ambition.

## SOME GOOD ADVICE.

The Shepherdstown Register, a soundly Democratic paper of Jefferson county, has this to say:

"The West Virginia Legislature will meet next January, and as there will not be sufficient Democrats in that body to accomplish any party legislation, we suggest that the minority work solely in the interest of good government, and for the improvements of our laws. After all, the best way to gain partly advantage is to honestly labor for the general good."

To these excellent suggestions the Wheeling News adds the following comment:

"Most excellent advice. If the Democratic minority throws its solid strength to the aid of the Republican members who are to work for a two-cent fare law, a railroad commission and new revenue laws which will allow the remaining State tax to be taken off, they will take the wind from the Republican sails when the latter two years hence will make their campaign on the enactment of such desirable legislation. Organized opposition to good legislation simply because it originated on the Republican side will simply insure the continuance of Republican legislation."

## STAND PAT BY NEWSPAPERS.

The Charleston Gazette hits the nail on the head in the following editorial on the value of newspapers to a town:

"While the newspapers are working for Charleston, it should occur to some one occasionally that the newspaper is an institution as much entitled to support as any other business. It costs money and wear and tear of brain and nerve to publish a daily paper. The newspaper man must be busy day and night, and he has a pay roll and a cost bill of large proportions. The papers of this city are spending every week as much as some of our large business concerns. 'The newspaper man appreciates a kind word and a friendly boost, and thinks he needs it, fully as much as the merchant, trader or manufacturer. Look upon your newspaper as a part of the life and business of your city. Charleston has three daily papers, transacting a large business—all of it helping Charleston and this valley, and most of the returns going to labor and to our own people. And, if we do say it ourselves, they are good papers, well managed, wide-awake, and entitled to the confidence and the pride of the people. Stand by your newspapers. You need them."

## A PLEASING APPOINTMENT.

The Cameron Star-Tribune has the following to say concerning the appointment of Hon. Frank W. Nesbitt as successor to Judge Thayer Melvin in the first judicial circuit.

In appointing Hon. Frank W. Nesbitt to the judgeship in this circuit Governor Dawson not only rewarded a clean and capable citizen, but he reflected great credit upon himself. The old adage about knowing men by their company, still applies. Governor Dawson reflected his attitude toward his constituents when he selected such a man as Mr. Nesbitt, a man who is known throughout the State for his upright character and his fearless manner of dealing with public affairs. With no reflection, whatever, upon the other aspirants for the judgeship, it must be noted that so far as Governor Dawson's appointments are concerned the State's business will be managed by upright men. Again we say that this fact is quite as complimentary to the governor as to his appointees.

## DEMOCRATIC PASTIME.

The Fairmont Times has joined the Wheeling Register in showing how to beat Elkins for the Senate. The figures used in the demonstration are not even amusing. It reminds one of an argument showing that the hind wheel of a wagon must overtake the fore wheel, because it is larger.—Morgantown Chronicle.

This is all right. No better comparison of the schemes of the Democratic party for the last forty years could be found. The hind wheel is always catching up, too—in its mind.—Parkersburg State Journal.

The comparison holds good in another way. The only manner in which the hind wheel of a wagon could overtake the fore wheel would be in case of a break down—a smashing of the coupling pole and the destruction of the wagon bed. The only hope of Democratic success is through dire calamity and the overthrow of prosperity.

The Cameron Star-Tribune has just passed its fifth milestone. The Star-Tribune is one of the brightest weekly papers in the State and its Republicanism is like unto Gibraltar. We congratulate Editor Parriott on the success with which he is meeting.

How pleased a Democrat is when he thinks there is a possibility of getting a part of the negro vote of this country. The secret of Democratic hatred of the negro is that the colored man persists in voting the Republican ticket.

If the Solid South didn't get the advantage of about seventy electoral votes on account of its negro population, the Democrats would make a much poorer showing than they do in presidential elections.

The Lumberport Independent is the latest newspaper venture of which we are aware. Volume 1, No. 1, reached our desk this morning. It is a very neat, four page paper.

## THE GILA MONSTERS.

Caught in Early Blizzard. Hundreds of Lizards Commit Suicide.

From the New York Herald.

"The unexpected snow and early blizzard which visited Arizona and New Mexico a few days ago has had that country of thousands of Gila monsters and other poisonous lizards. Said J. R. Alexander, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, 'and the odd thing about it is that they seem to have committed suicide. I saw hundreds of their bodies lying around, turned black as if stung by some other poisonous reptile or the victim of their own venom.'"

"The oldest inhabitants have never seen anything of the sort before, and it is the common opinion down there that the disappointment of the unexpected cold swept a wave of suicidal impulse through the ranks of the lizard population. There is no apparent reason why they should not have sought shelter and hibernated. It is natural for the species to become torpid when the temperature is very hot and hibernate when it is very cold."

"Professor Giovanni Martelli, a scientist, of Naples, Italy, who was a witness of the phenomenon, suggests that if the cause of the suicidal passion can be positively discovered it may be utilized to eliminate the dreaded Gila monster entirely from the region of the Gila River, where the inhabitants live in terror of it. I never but once before heard of wholesale suicide among reptiles. That was in Panama, where tree snakes abound, the most deadly of the reptiles, living entirely in trees. Going through the forests one must always be on the lookout for them. They hang down from branches and when struck by one of them you begin at once to turn, and death is inevitable."

"One day I was near a small forest fire which was making a good deal more smoke than blaze. Well, sir, it would have done your soul good to see how it affected those snakes. The smoke maddened them and they seemed to forget everything but themselves. Even a mile from the fire you would find them excitedly fussing each at himself. One would keep up a whipping and threatening for a half hour or an hour and then all at once dart his fangs into himself. It's a mystery why they those big lizards killed themselves, but there's no doubt it was suicide."

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## Grand Son of Mayor Arnett

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The shot entered on the right side of the abdomen and passed through, striking the spine and causing an injury there sufficient to have caused his death.

There were four physicians at the hospital who performed the operation in an effort to save his life. They were, Doctors Price, McNeill, Campbell and Barker.

Just how the accident happened will likely never be known unless young Tabler, after his bad scare, can remember the incidents. Last night he was terribly ill with nervous prostration and a physician was with him for several hours. The only thing he would say was that young Peppers stepped in front of him just as he fired.

Internal bleeding of the bowels and intestines was the cause of the little fellow's death, though the shot striking the spine would later probably have killed him. The bowels and intestines were punctured by the shot and it was for this the operation was performed, in an effort to stop the bleeding.

The accident happened at the head of Twenty-fourth street, above Dudley avenue. It was some distance from any of the houses along that thoroughfare, and when the lad's screams were heard it took some little time for neighbors to get there. It was quite a little while before a physician arrived from down town, and the boy was unconscious then. The Tabler boy ran from the scene just as soon as the accident happened and was so excited and nervous over it that he could not be controlled. He was finally taken to the Mallory home on Twenty-fourth street where he was cared for during the night.

The unfortunate accident cast a gloom over the neighborhood in which it happened. The dead boy was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Peppers the former being prominently connected with the Chancellor Hardware Company. Mr. Peppers was at the store when he was notified of the shooting. He rushed to the scene. Both he and his wife are heartbroken over the affair.

Ray Tabler is a son of Superintendent and Mrs. D. C. Tabler. His parents have been visiting for several days at points in Ohio, but were wired of the accident last night and will return home to-day.

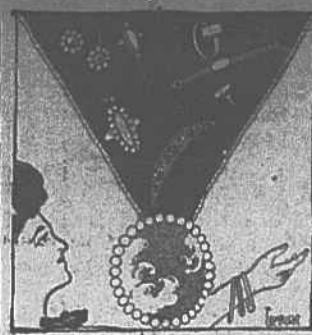
The sad affair was without doubt purely accidental. The two boys had been playmates for months and were never known to quarrel. The little Peppers boy was a great favorite among all his playmates, and young Tabler was his best friend. They were together nearly all the time, especially on Saturdays and holidays, when there was no school.

The remains of the Peppers boy were removed to the home last night and were prepared for burial.

The news of the sad accident has been received with profound sorrow by the many friends of the little boy in the city. He is a grandson of Mayor and Mrs. W. E. Arnett and his parents formerly resided here. Master Chester has visited here on several occasions. Mrs. Arnett was visiting at the Peppers home when the accident occurred and Mrs. Samuel Leeper and Mrs. Luke Arnett, aunts of the child, left this afternoon for Parkersburg. Mayor Arnett and Mr. Charles Chancellor, of Parkersburg, an uncle of the boy, have been hunting near Webster Springs for the past week and will go directly to Parkersburg. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

## Little Girl Dead.

Rosa Lenta, the two year old daughter of Carlo Lenta, died last night at her parents' home in the first ward. Funeral services were held in the Catholic Church this morning and the remains laid to rest in the O'Flynn cemetery.



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## Wouldn't This Curl Your Hair

WHEN BLAZES SHOOT FROM LILLIAN'S BANGS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CALLED OUT.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 1.—Here is the way the entire downtown fire department happened to be called to the Colonial Hotel at 7 o'clock last evening:

A red-hot curling iron set fire to Lillian Rogers' curls.

A lace curtain in the room flashed up a puff of smoke. Lillian's friend, Jennie Leonard, turned in the fire call from the room. The hotel clerk wildly shouted to the first policeman he saw, and six engines, three chemicals, four ladder trucks and a score of hose wagons, patrol wagons and other emergency vehicles were snorting around the hotel in a jiffy.

Meantime, Lillian and Jennie were calmly doing their "turn" at the Gayety Theatre.

The two girls, members of the Trocadero Extravaganza Company, which is holding down the boards at the Gayety this week, started to "primp" for the theater shortly before 7 o'clock. After the puff of flame, they hastily concluded their toilettes and escaped from the hotel about the time the booming engines arrived. They were on the stage of the Gayety before "fire out" was reported in by the chief from the box at the corner.

## Faust.

Those people who love a good show and who stayed away from The Toler last night missed a performance of "Faust," that has never been equaled in this city. If any one has had a lingering doubt about the ability of the Auditorium stage to accommodate a fine production, they were undeceived last night. Every inch of the stock scenery was laid aside and the changes which have been made allowed plenty of room, and to spare, for Mr. Labadie's splendid scenery and electrical effects.

There were several new features, though the story was not trilled with. The effects were great, an avalanche of fireworks at the close of the fourth act making the region of Hades seem awfully realistic. Mr. Hubert Labadie is a most convincing Mephisto, his work is painstaking and artistic. A close attention to detail also helps to render the performance finished. Mary Von Tromp is idealistic in the role of Marguerite, easily taking the strong emotional cue in the third and fifth acts.—Wichita (Kan.) Daily Eagle.

## Some Fine Shoots.

Mr. J. H. Manley, who resides in Grant district, last week butchered five hogs, eight months of age, which weighed 1,405 pounds. The largest weighed 325 pounds and the smallest 247. If Marion county had but the much-talked-of county fair, Mr. Manley would surely have had the "prize pig."

Mr. John Shafferman is ill at his home on Columbia street.

Fish and oysters at Robb's.

## We Do

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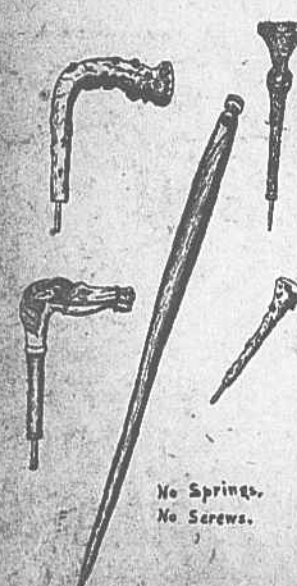
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